

**RENTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**

June 1, 1998 Council Chambers  
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst II; DEPUTY CHIEF JOE PEACH, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION**  
Hire a Veteran Month -  
June 1998

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of June, 1998 to be "Hire a Veteran Month" in the City of Renton, and encouraging all employers, service providers and other citizens to join in observing this event, recognizing that when we help a veteran secure employment, we help the family, the community, and ourselves. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

\* The Seattle-King County Dental Society donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for the shower kits distributed at the Renton Community Center.

\* The Royal Hills Summer Lunch Program begins June 22nd. It is expected that approximately 175 kids will attend daily, through August 28th.

\* The Police department is working with other King County agencies in an effort to track registered sex offenders.

\* The 1998 Community Services Summer Brochure is available in a downloadable format on the City's website ([www.ci.renton.wa.us](http://www.ci.renton.wa.us)).

Parks New City Hall Move Mr. Covington explained that the move to the new City Hall will be done in two phases. The first phase will take place June 12th through 14th. The following offices will be closed on Friday, June 12th: Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning; Planning/Building/Public Works Department; Community Services Administration; Human Services Division; Fire Administration; and Fire Prevention. Mr. Covington added that the Building permit counter will remain closed until 12:00 on Monday, June 15th.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**  
Citizen Comment Roberts -  
City Building Inspectors

J. Bert Roberts, 10900 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, 98178, said that he owns property located at 272 and 280 Hardie Ave. Stating that he is currently remodeling his building, Mr. Roberts detailed the electrical problems that were occurring as a result of the remodel. He explained that as a result of an electrical inspection by a City inspector, the bid he received for the job was increased by 16-1/2 percent due to changes that were needed. Mr. Roberts asked that the City investigate this matter.

Mayor Tanner said that the matter would be looked into, adding that the project would be brought up to code if it is not already.

Councilman Corman clarified that when an individual hires a contractor to do a job, the City inspectors are allies of that individual, making sure the work is done safely and properly. Mayor Tanner reiterated that the City inspector's only purpose is to ensure compliance with the code.

Citizen Comment Carlson -  
Highlands Neighborhood  
Cleanup/A-Frame  
(Sandwich-Board) Signs

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, reported that the Highlands Community Association held a successful neighborhood cleanup on May 9th. She requested that the City provide more garbage cans in the Highlands area, adding that a proposal for the placement of those garbage receptacles will be forthcoming from the association. Ms. Carlson also requested that the City start an adopt-a-street program. She noted that the Highlands Community Association would be interested in adopting NE Sunset Boulevard from Edmonds Ave. NE to the Colliery Restaurant; and asked that the City donate signs.

**MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, REFER THE MATTERS OF PROVISION OF GARBAGE CANS AND AN ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM IN THE HIGHLANDS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

On another subject, Ms. Carlson expressed her opinion that sandwich-board (A-frame) signs should not be allowed. She described the signs as unattractive, noting that they present sight obstruction problems for drivers. Ms. Carlson

asked that signs advertising cigarette and alcohol also be regulated. Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler pointed out that the matter of sandwich-board signs has been referred to the Planning and Development Committee.

**Citizen Comment Beckley  
- A-Frame (Sandwich-  
Board) Signs**

Phillip Beckley, 655 Ferndale Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, explained that he has been picketing the adults only book store in the Highlands for the past ten months. Recently, a police officer asked him to remove his sandwich-board sign while allowing the adult bookstore's sign to remain. Mr. Beckley asked for clarification of the rules regarding A-frame signs.

Mayor Tanner said the ordinance relating to A-frame signs has been suspended. He assured Mr. Beckley that police officers would be apprised of the rules. Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler clarified that the ordinance applies only to pre-existing signs (before Council's action on 6/18/98), and new sandwich-board signs are not allowed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

**CAG 98-051, NE 27th  
St/Aberdeen Ave NE  
Drainage Improvements &  
Kennydale Sewer  
Interceptor, Gary Merlino  
Construction**

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/26/98 for CAG-98-051, NE 27th St./Aberdeen Ave. NE Drainage Improvements and East Kennydale Sewer Interceptor; five bids; engineer's estimate \$2,437,636.25; and submitted the staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Gary Merlino Construction Co., in the total amount of \$2,092,874.04 (all schedules). Council concur.

**CAG 98-067, Lind Ave  
SW/SW 27th St Traffic  
Signal Installation,  
Transtech Electric, Inc.**

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/27/98 for CAG-98-067, Lind Ave. SW/SW 27th St. Traffic Signal Installation; four bids; engineer's estimate \$159,750.00; and submitted the staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Transtech Electric, Inc., in the total amount of \$147,345.00. Council concur.

**EDNSP Pavilion Building  
Improvements**

Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Department and Community Services Department requested appropriation of \$200,000 from the unallocated fund balance in reserve for the piazza project to complete necessary improvements to the Pavilion building. Refer to Finance Committee.

**Executive Special  
Events/Volunteer  
Coordinator, Sonja  
Mejlaender, CAG-98-**

Executive Department recommended approval of contract in the amount of \$45,000 with Sonja Mejlaender to provide coordination services for the City's volunteer program and Renton River Days community festival for a period of twelve months. Refer to Community Services Committee.

**Development Services  
Stafford Crest Preliminary  
Plat, NE 36th St/112th Pl  
SE**

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Stafford Crest preliminary plat; 74 single family lots on 14.6 acres located south of NE 36th St. and west of 112th Pl. SE (File No. PP-97-173). Council concur.

HR&RM 1998 Renewal of Service Broker Agreements	Human Resources & Risk Management Department recommended approval of the 1998 renewal of services of broker agreements for The Charles Group (\$22,500), Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (\$44,650) and Giesy, Greer & Gunn, Inc. (fee-based services). Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Legal Selling or Delivering Drug Paraphernalia	Legal Department recommended approval of ordinance making it an infraction to sell or deliver drug paraphernalia. Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u> .
Public Works Sidewalk Construction/Restoration Funding Allocation	Planning/Building/Public Works Department requested authorization to allocate \$250,000 of General Fund money for Phase 2 of the 1998 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program construction and restoration of sidewalks in neighborhoods throughout the City where needs have been identified. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Transportation Renton Urban Shuttle (RUSH) Service	Transportation Systems Division requested selection of a preferred alternative for continuing RUSH (Renton Urban Shuttle) service beyond September, 1998. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> .
Transportation Six-Year TIP, 1999-2004	Transportation Systems Division submitted annual update of the 1999-2004 Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and recommended approval of associated mid-year budget adjustments. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> ; set public hearing on June 22, 1998, to take testimony on these items.
Transportation Program Development Coordinator I Step Change	Transportation Systems Division requested authorization to fill the vacant Program Development Coordinator I position at Step E of the salary range. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Transportation Civil Engineer II Step Change	Transportation Systems Division requested authorization to fill a vacant Civil Engineer II position at Step E of the salary range. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Streets Monster Road Bridge Temporary Closure (Monster Rd SW to SR-900)	Transportation Systems Division requested authorization for the temporary closure of the Monster Road Bridge between Monster Rd. SW and SR-900 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way) for 30 working days from June to July. Council concur.
Streets Oakesdale Ave SW Temporary Closure (Grady to SW 16th St)	Transportation Systems Division requested authorization for the temporary closure of Oakesdale Ave. SW between Grady Way SW and SW 16th St. for three days sometime between June 15 and July 15. Council concur. (See page 191 for resolution.)
Transportation N 30th St/Park Ave N Preliminary Sidewalk Design, H.W. Lochner, Inc., CAG-98-	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of agreement in the amount of \$83,265.92 with H.W. Lochner, Inc. for preliminary design of new sidewalks on N. 30th St. and Park Ave. N. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> .

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Safety Committee**

Police Ordinance  
Outlawing Shooting Bows,  
Air Guns or Slingshots at  
Animals

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding prohibiting the shooting of a bow, air gun or slingshot at any animal or fowl. The Committee recommended correcting the typographical error which appears in City Code Section 6-2-2 and adding a new section which states "For any person to point or shoot a bow, air gun or slingshot at any animal or fowl, either domestic or wild, within the City limits of Renton."

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 191 for ordinance.)

**Finance Committee**

Finance New City Hall  
Energy-Efficient Lighting  
Bond Issuance

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to install energy efficient and improved lighting in the new City Hall building. The costs will be paid back over time through a lease purchase program with either the State or Puget Sound Energy.

The lights are currently being installed. Funding for this program will be brought back to the Finance Committee at a later date. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claims Vouchers #159393 - 159879; two wire transfers in the total amount of \$2,933,550.97; approval of Payroll Vouchers #159774 - 160047; and 497 direct deposits in the total amount of \$1,244,562.02. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claims Vouchers #159880 - 159891; and one wire transfer in the total amount of \$652,787.54. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Planning & Development Committee**

EDNSP Automall  
Expansion

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the Automall expansion. The Committee reviewed the expansion of Area A and Area B of the Automall. The Committee recommended that the Council set a public hearing on 6/22/98 for the Automall amendments. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Parks Teasdale Park  
Security

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to address neighborhood concerns regarding noise and safety at Teasdale Park by increasing police patrol, reviewing the prior year's 911 telephone calls, promoting a "Block Watch Program", addressing concerns at the neighborhood meetings through the city liaisons, periodically stationing the video surveillance cameras at key locations, and increased presence of park department personnel during the peak season. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

City Clerk TCI Retroactive  
Franchise Fee Payment (&  
Pass-Through to  
Customers)

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding TCI franchise fee calculations and retroactive fees. In 1995, TCI changed its franchise fee calculation methodology as the result of a ruling by the FCC on an appeal by the City of Baltimore. The FCC decided that cable franchise fees should not be considered as gross revenues in TCI's 5% franchise fee calculations. At that time, TCI stopped passing through the franchise fee on franchise fee to its subscribers. The ruling was subsequently appealed, and in 1997, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the FCC ruling and determined that the amounts collected from TCI subscribers as franchise fees can be included in gross revenues and are subject to franchise fee liability.

In order to recoup the fees owed to the City of Renton since 1995, TCI must retroactively pass these fees back to their customers. At this time TCI has agreed to pay the City a lump sum of \$25,849.30 in back franchise fees, and has proposed passing the fees through to customers over a period of time.

The Community Services Committee has reviewed the staff recommendation and the proposal from TCI to reimburse the City its retroactive franchise fees, and recommended that City Council accept a lump sum payment from TCI in the total amount of \$25,849.30, and authorize TCI to collect back franchise fees from customers over a one-year period in the amount of \$.16 per month. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Parks 1998 Waterfowl  
Removal Interlocal  
Agreement, CAG-98-

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to approve the interlocal agreement for the Waterfowl Management Program as amended (deletion of paragraph six, page two of Section II-Scope of Program, regarding lethal control) for joint funding for the continuation of an egg addling program and study for key waterfowl species.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the interlocal

agreement. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

### **Resolution #3328**

Streets Oakesdale Ave SW  
Temporary Closure (SW  
16th St to Grady)

A resolution was read authorizing a three day temporary closure of the intersection of Oakesdale Ave. SW and SW 16th St. for roadway construction sometime between June 15 and July 15, 1998. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/8/98 for second and final reading:

Police Ordinance  
Outlawing Shooting Bows,  
Air Guns or Slingshots at  
Animals

An ordinance was read amending Section 6-2-2 of Chapter 2, Air Guns, of Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code by correcting a typographical error and by adding a subsection making it unlawful for any person to shoot a bow, air gun or slingshot at any animal or fowl. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/8/98. CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Development Services  
Reschedule Black River  
Corporate Park Project  
Public Hearing

Councilman Edwards entered a letter received from Tom Malphrus, 18713 - 102nd Ave. SE, Renton, 98055, requesting the Black River Corporate Park project public hearing be scheduled in the evening instead of during the day.

Mayor Tanner said that the request would be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner.

Council Suburban Cities  
Questionnaire

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, REFER THE SUBURBAN CITIES QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE DRAFT REGIONAL GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE PLAN TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 6/4/98 FOR RESPONSE DUE 6/5/98. CARRIED.

Streets Park Ave N  
Crossing Facilities

Councilman Corman asked that a letter regarding the Police Department's enforcement of jaywalking on Park Ave. N. be referred to the Public Works Department. Explaining that it is difficult for pedestrians to cross from the Boeing parking lots to the plant itself, Mr. Corman asked that the crossing facilities be reviewed.

"Malls with Character"  
Newspaper Article

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler distributed copies of a *Seattle Times* article entitled "Malls with Character" to the Mayor and Council. She explained that the article featured small, pedestrian-oriented malls, a concept which may be desirable for the Renton Highlands and downtown areas.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON,

COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:35 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
6/1/98